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The Whisperers arrived at Hilltop, led by Alpha. She demanded the return of her daughter, Lydia, in exchange for Dante and the other men she'd captured. Infuriated by the exchange, Carl snuck off into the woods to follow the Whisperers and save Lydia.

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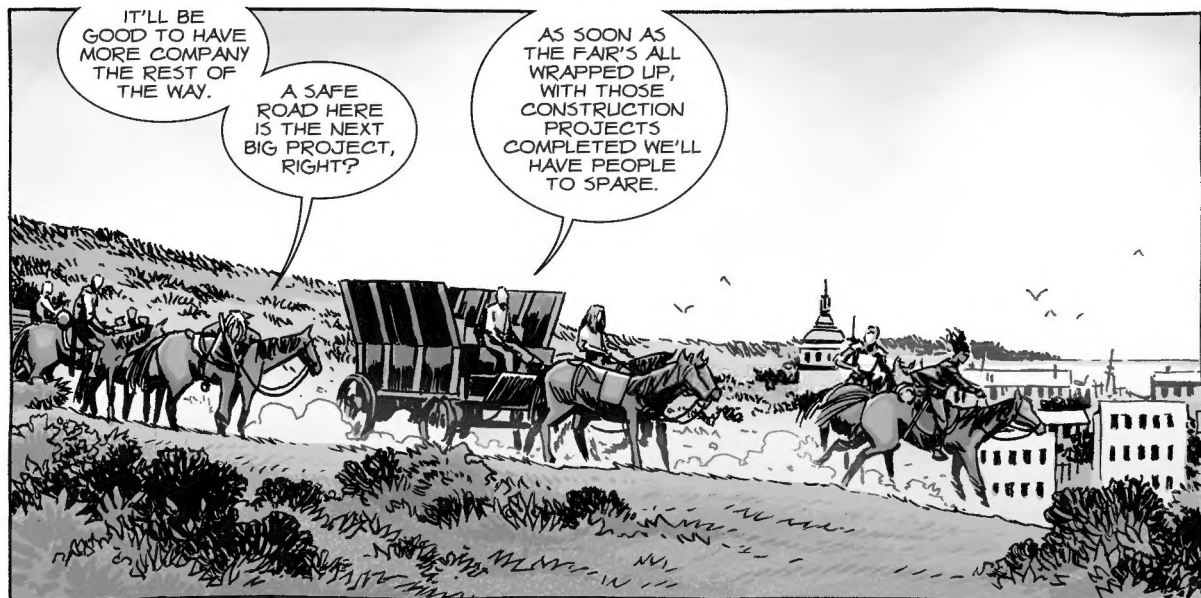
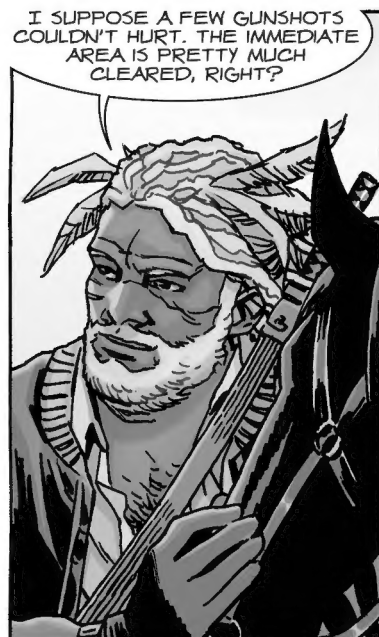
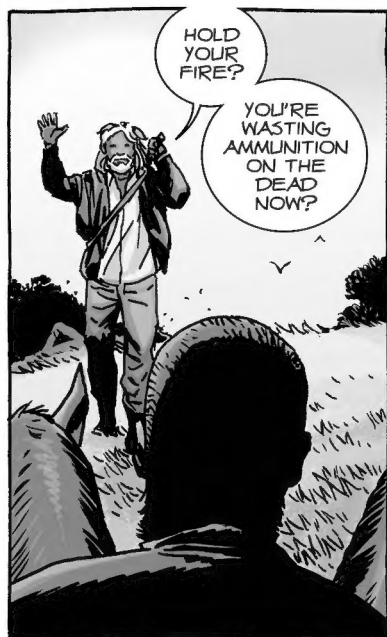


I CAN
HANDLE
THIS. STAY
BACK.

WHUDD.





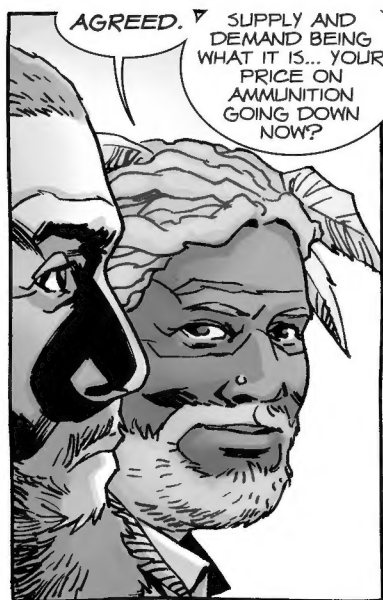




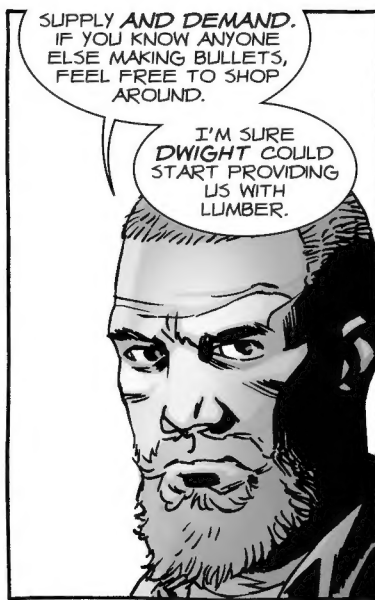
HOW
LATE ARE
THEY?

WERE DUE
YESTERDAY.
COULD ROLL
IN ANY TIME
NOW.

IT'S
DEFINITELY
NOT THE WORST
PLACE IN THE
WORLD TO
WAIT.



AGREED. ▽
SUPPLY AND
DEMAND BEING
WHAT IT IS... YOUR
PRICE ON
AMMUNITION
GOING DOWN
NOW?



SUPPLY AND DEMAND.
IF YOU KNOW ANYONE
ELSE MAKING BULLETS,
FEEL FREE TO SHOP
AROUND.

I'M SURE
DWIGHT COULD
START PROVIDING
US WITH
LUMBER.



PULL THE
CLAWS BACK
IN, GRIMES.

IT WAS
JUST A
QUESTION.



OKAY, OKAY. I GUESS
I CAN'T BLAME YOU
FOR ASKING. IT'S JUST
WE'VE GOT A GOOD
SYSTEM GOING.

I DON'T
WANT TO
SCREW
THAT UP.

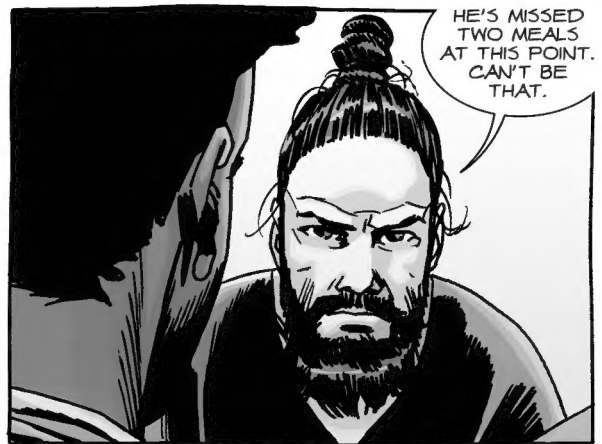


TRUST ME.
NOBODY
WANTS TO
SCREW THAT
UP.

WELL...
THERE ARE
THOSE AMONG
US WHO JUST
CAN'T BE
HAPPY.



SADLY, I
AM ALL TOO
AWARE
OF THAT...





STILL... IT'S DANGEROUS OUT THERE. BEING ON YOUR OWN, AND IT'LL BE DARK SOON. THAT'S CRAZY.



FIRST PIECE OF ASS YOU GET... IT'LL MAKE YOU DO CRAZY SHIT TO KEEP IT. I REMEMBER.



SHIT. THAT KILLED WHATEVER CHANCE I HAD WITH YOU, DIDN'T IT?

FUCK.

CARL BEING OUT THERE... I'M ALMOST NOT EVEN WORRIED ABOUT HIM. THE SITUATION HERE IS THE WHISPERERS... WE KNOW THEY'RE NOT FORGIVING OF US ENTERING WHATEVER THEY CONSIDER THEIR TERRITORY.

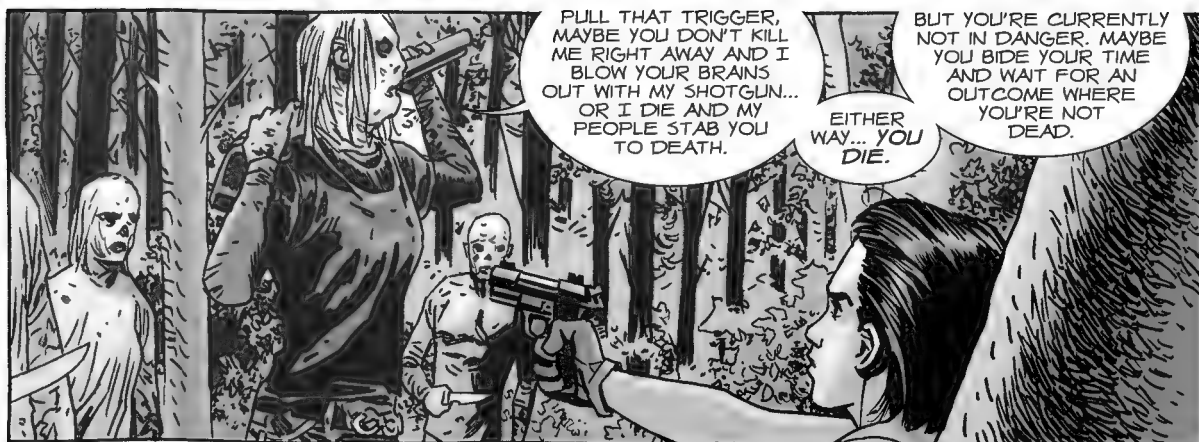


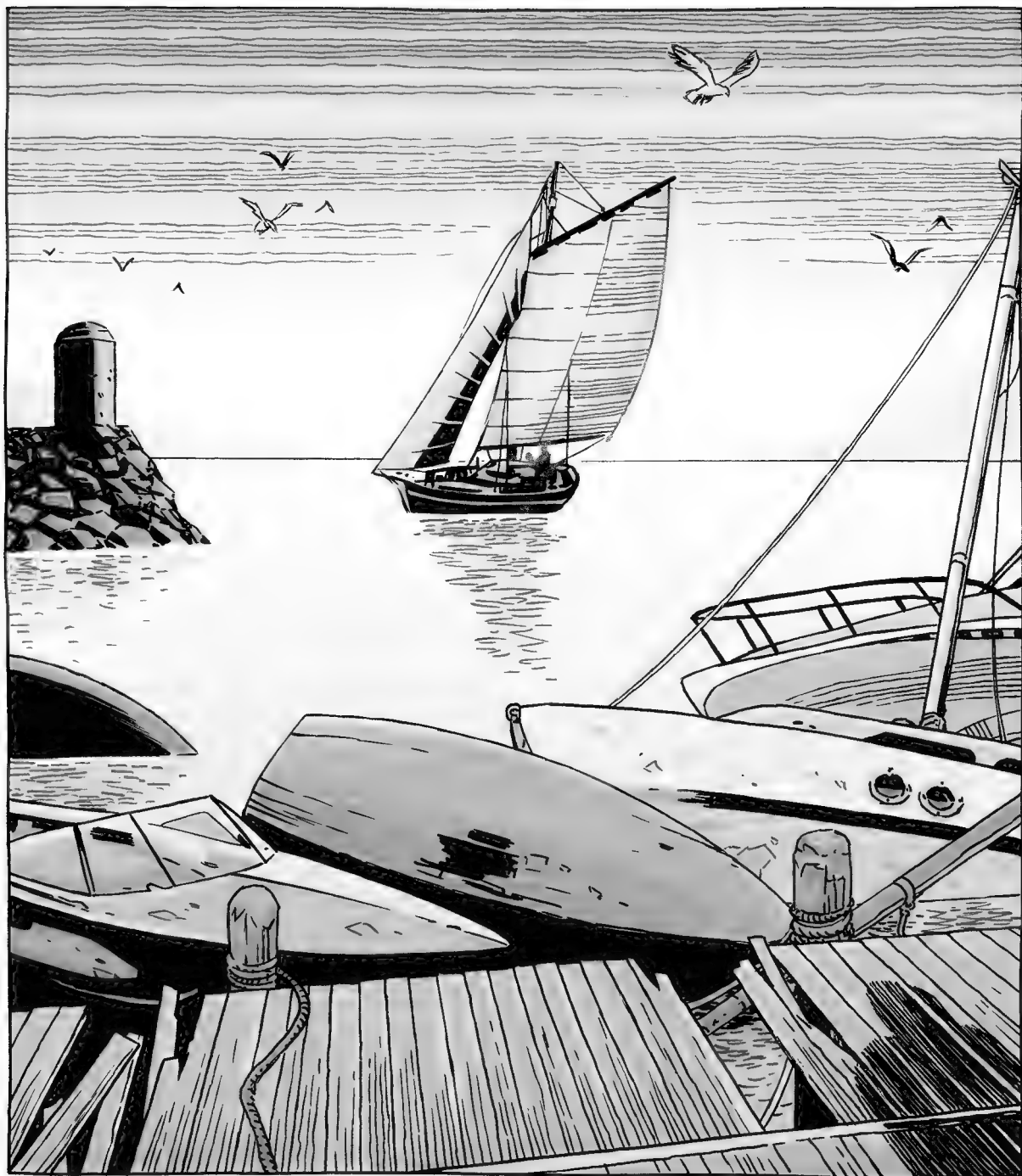
IF THEY THINK WE SENT CARL OUT TO SPY ON THEM...

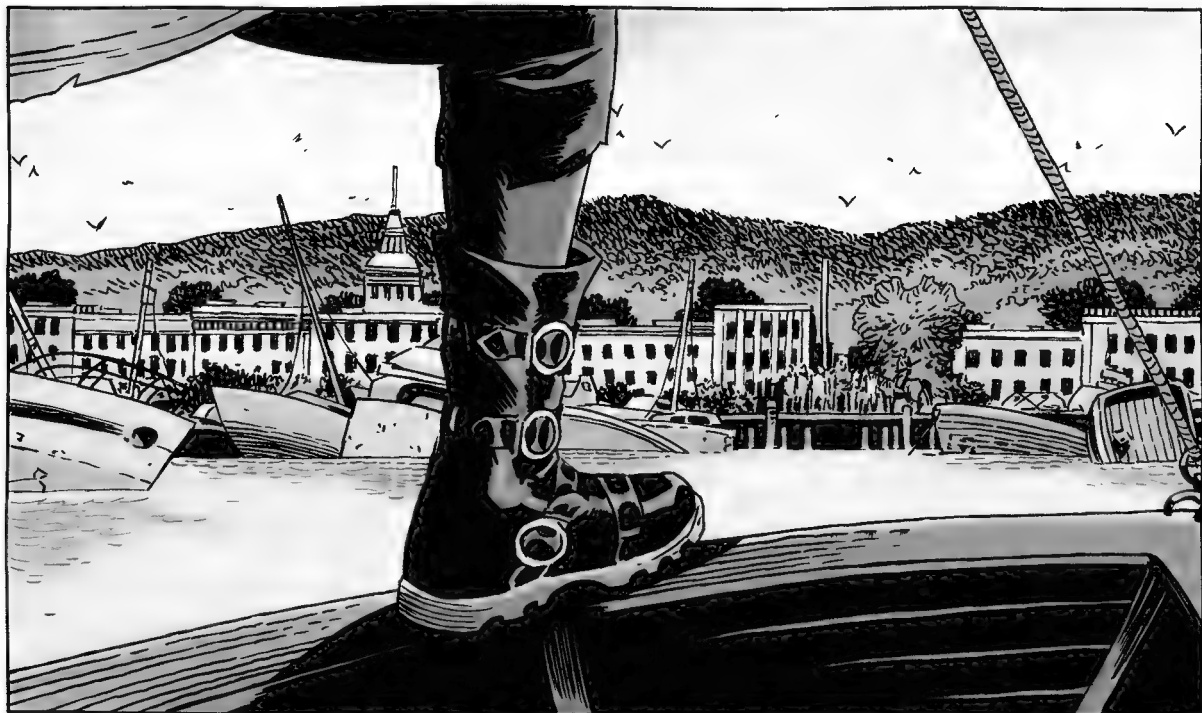


...WE COULD BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.



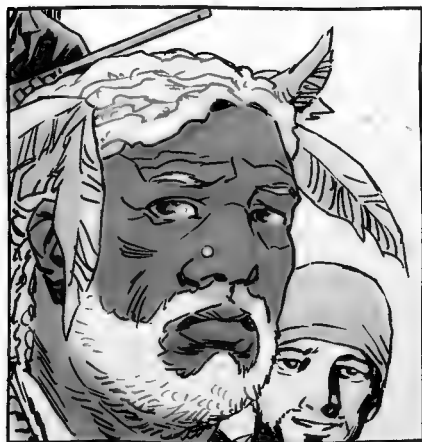








INCLUDING
HER.







I'LL
TAKE
IT.



NEW WOMAN
WITH YOU.
WHERE'D
SHE COME
FROM?



THAT'S MAGNA.
SHE LED A SMALL
GROUP ON HER
OWN FOR A WHILE.
WE FOUND
THEM OUT IN
THE WILD.

SEEM
TO BE
ACCLIMATING
WELL, FAR
AS I CAN
TELL. ALL I'VE
GOT GOING
ON, HAVEN'T
GOTTEN ANY
TIME TO REALLY
GET TO KNOW
THEM MYSELF.
FIGURED I'D
BRING HER ALONG.



SHE'S
SMART.
YOU'LL LIKE
HER.

ANDREA
GOT REASON
TO WORRY
THERE?



I'D NEVER
DO THAT TO
SOMEONE.



OH,
SORRY.

I FORGOT,
RICK. I WAS JUST
TRYING TO MAKE
A BAD JOKE. WE
DON'T DO A LOT OF
TALKING OUT ON
THE WATER... I
THINK I'M A
LITTLE OUT OF
PRACTICE.

YEAH...
YOU ALWAYS
WERE SUCH
A TALKER.

IT'S OKAY.
I KNOW YOU
DIDN'T MEAN
ANYTHING BY IT.



WHAT'S IT
LIKE OUT
THERE?

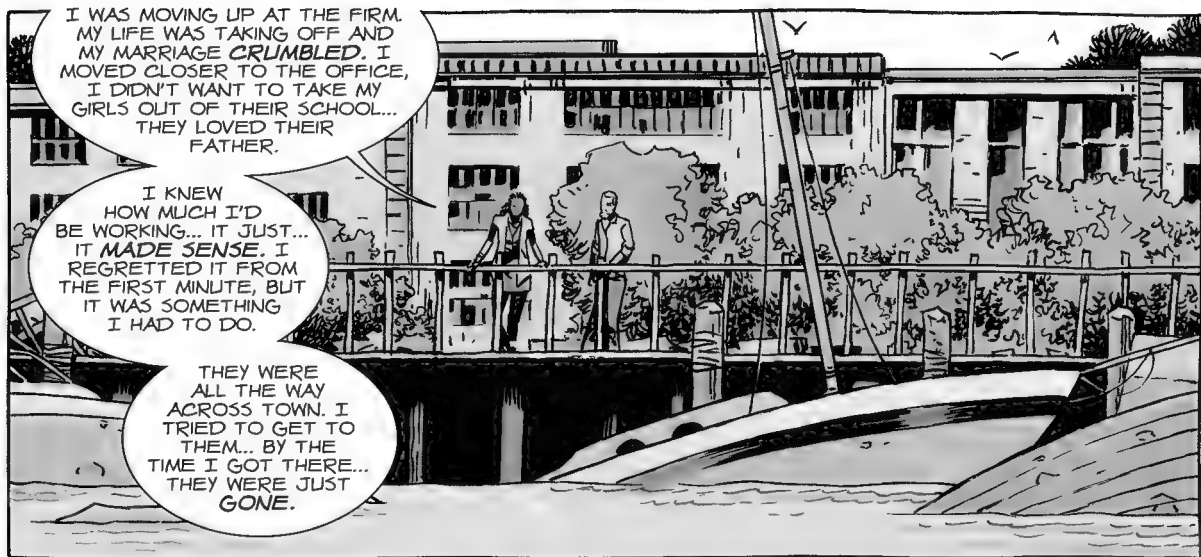






RICK...

I
ABANDONED
MY CHILDREN.



I WAS MOVING UP AT THE FIRM.
MY LIFE WAS TAKING OFF AND
MY MARRIAGE **CRUMBLED**. I
MOVED CLOSER TO THE OFFICE,
I DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE MY
GIRLS OUT OF THEIR SCHOOL...
THEY LOVED THEIR
FATHER.

I KNEW
HOW MUCH I'D
BE WORKING... IT JUST...
IT **MADE SENSE**. I
REGRETTED IT FROM
THE FIRST MINUTE, BUT
IT WAS SOMETHING
I HAD TO DO.

THEY WERE
ALL THE WAY
ACROSS TOWN. I
TRIED TO GET TO
THEM... BY THE
TIME I GOT THERE...
THEY WERE JUST
GONE.



I HAVE NO
IDEA WHERE
THEY WENT,
OR IF THEY'RE
ALIVE.

BUT
I KNOW
THEY'RE
DEAD.

I JUST KNOW
THERE'S NO WAY
THEY MADE IT. MY
HUSBAND, DOMINIC,
HE... HE COULDN'T USE
A SCREWDRIVER.
HE WAS AN ARTIST...



I NEVER
SAID
GOODBYE.

I
WASN'T
THERE
WHEN...



THEY'RE JUST GONE. I KNOW
YOU LOST LORI AND JUDITH...
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE
QUESTIONS I DO. I CAN'T
STOP THINKING OF THE
WORST POSSIBLE
SCENARIOS... PICTURING
MY GIRLS...

HOW SCARED
THEY MUST HAVE
BEEN... HOW
MUCH PAIN THEY
WERE PROBABLY
IN...



IT'S
SOMETHING
THAT'S ALWAYS
ON MY MIND.





LETTER HACKS

WRITE TO US AT:

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Michonne! And Ezekiel! AND Dwight was mentioned! A classic TWD triple play! Now we can all move on and just enjoy the story, right? And also read some letters.

Rejoice! Michonne is back... Are you happy now?

Letters!

Yo robert,
Where the fuck is michonne!! Like for real this time. You know how many issues its been?? Like 7 thats 7 minths without my girl. You trying give a man serious withdrawals!

Aaron

That's what I'm saying! You won't be going another 7 months for her next appearance either!

It was 13 issues without her, right? 127 to 139... I'm bad at math. I honestly started missing her after a while... I hope her return was worth the wait. BOATS! OCEAN! FISH! WOO!

Love the comic! Been reading since issue #1!!! Just a quick question. Are you ever going to show the coast? I would love to see adlard show the east coast or even the gulf of mexico totally destroyed! ! Perhaps seeing what people have done to make a stand in a marina or something like that. Either way i think it would be a cool thing to show whats happening near the ocean. Just wondering? Greetings from apocalyptic sunny florida!

Greg

That's what I'm saying as well! A full dose of the coast this issue, and it's looking all right. Cleared of walkers and wreckage. So we'll give you what you want, but never exactly how you want it... like a deal with the Devil.

Well... not exactly.

Dear The Walking Dead Team,

First off, I would like to say well done with the comics. I just love this new story arch it's getting into, and I can't wait to see how it unfolds. Anyway, I just read issue 137 and I knew all along Lydia would play Carl like she is. Pretty girl, horny teenage boy— it was obvious. I just was not expecting that she would lick his eye sockets and have sex with him out in the open next to a chicken coop. Personally I think Sophia and Carl should be a thing. They were so cute in the beginning holding hands at the prison in front of the walkers...okay now I'm reminiscing to back when Glenn was alive. I'm going to stop before I cry. All I want to know is what is her angle. Is she trying to get Carl to let her go back to her walkie-talkie friends or does she want to take over the Hilltop with her people? I NEED TO KNOW!!

Me too! However I don't feel comfortable with the shipping of minors.

I would also like to say that I hate that bastard, Gregory. He was a horrible leader and now he's trying to kill Maggie Green!?!? What an asshole. Does he really think that killing Maggie will make everything okay for him? He's a dumbass. Rick basically runs their little community and would never let him back in charge, especially if he kills Maggie. I know she's not actually dead because she is going to be on the cover of issue 140. Or is she?

She is. She's well and alive.

And finally, I'm not going to ask about Michonne like every other reader, but I do want to know how Negan will fit into this story arch. Is he going to help them fight the walkie talkies and earn their trust? Or is he going to help them? Or is he going to stay in his cell until all of this is over? I just can't wait so long. I want to know!

I'm also really anxious to see if you'll do anything for issue 150 like you did in issue 75. Any chance of a hint?

You'll just have to wait and find out!

I could go on and on about your amazing series, but you probably don't want to read my rambling. Keep up the good work in the books and the TV show (Season 5 is awesome by the way. I'm still a little angry about the back-to-back deaths of Beth and Tyrese though).

Diana

Eh... it's tough for us to lose those characters, too, but that's kind of what we all signed up for, you know? That's what makes it THE WALKING DEAD, y'know?

First of all, I love The Walking Dead! After seeing season 1 on AMC I was hooked, and not long after I purchased Compendium 1. When Compendium 2 was published I went out and bought that too. For a long time, I only read Compendium 1. I've always been caught up with the TV show, and didn't want to spoil the surprise of something big happening in live action.

During the mid-season break for season 5, I couldn't take it anymore; I caved. I reread Compendium 1 and went straight to Compendium 2. But it wasn't enough. I needed more! I bought volumes 17-22 (over time, I ain't rich), then all the individual comics and I can now proudly say I'm all caught up at issue 137!

That's really awesome to hear! I love stories like that.

What a journey it has been for our band of survivors! Every unexpected twist, turn, and tragedy has shaped them into such amazing characters. I know in the letter hacks a lot of people complain about the decisions you make, but so far I absolutely love everything (except killing off Abraham, I can't forgive you for that!).

There's always a catch.

Now to the main reason I'm actually writing! I've seen a lot of speculation online that the Whisperers story will probably be wrapped up in 138. Most people whose comments or posts I've read seem happy about it, but I sincerely hope the opposite! There's still so much we don't know about them! To wrap all that up in just one issue, to me at least, just doesn't seem like enough. I'm fully expecting either some kind of resolution or escalation with the double hostage situations, but I really hope we see more of this crazy group either way! They're definitely the most interesting group our survivors have come in contact with.

Don't listen to those Internet looneys. Pay attention to us, the printed looneys. So yeah, the Whisperers will be around for at least another issue.

Maybe even TWO!

Again, I just want to praise you all for yours AMAZING work over the years! Mr. Kirkman, Mr. Adlard, Mr. Mackiewicz, and everyone else over at Image who is involved with the production of this fabulous comic! Thank you all so much for this amazing comic!

Sara Connaughton
Massachusetts

Let's all give a big round of applause for Jonathan Chan who has been doing the production on this series over at Image since issue 19.

As he likes to remind us, he showed up the same time Michonne did.

I should also note that Jonathan is currently waiting for this letters column, on a Friday, so that this issue can go to press.

I need to hurry!

Sorry, Jonathan!

PREVIOUSLY: Maggie releases him from his cell, but he returns to give Lydia a parting gift: his cowboy hat.

HIS COWBOY HAT? HIS COWBOY HAT??? It's not a freakin' cowboy hat! It's probably the most iconic piece of Walking Dead history

out there. I work at a Pop Culture Museum and that is exactly the kind of artifact that I'd be proud to display in our Museum because it has that kind of intense and meaningful history that goes with it. That hat means something to people. It's not a cowboy hat. It's his dad's Sheriff's hat, symbolizing Power, Protection, Strength, Security, Maturity and ultimately Family Bonds! It was passed down from Rick to Carl as a gesture of Love and Faith and to reduce it to calling it just a cowboy hat...well, I'm just speechless.

I still love you guys but SERIOUSLY...a cowboy hat?

Jez Louise...

Michael Solof
Collection and Exhibits Manager at Geppi's Entertainment Museum
Baltimore, Maryland

MY BAD! I could probably bullshit for a paragraph and put some spin on it so that I'm right and you're wrong... but you're right and I'm wrong. Glad those Previouslys don't get printed in the trades. Also... do you guys also have Michonne's broadsword on display?

What should we have said?

Dear Letter Hacks,

I understand why Rick and Carl live near Washington DC as that is where the story has taken them. However would there be better places for them to live? That part of America is probably the most densely populated which means more zombies, it also has freezing weather which slow zombies down.

According to a report from 2012, the DC metro area is the 12th densest metropolitan area in the US. (Atlanta didn't even make the top 50!) Glad to be right about something again!

Doesn't the cold weather preserves zombies better by forcing them to hibernate when they are frozen, like putting meat in a freezer. What about zombies in other environments? Would the heat of a desert sun fry their brain or would they rot faster in a tropical/humid climate?

Kind regards,

Jason,

Kwinana, Western Australia

We may never know... unless our group goes there... or unless AMC does more companion shows. We'll see.

But zombies would react to different climates the same way human bodies do. So the desert frying the brain of a zombie is totally a possibility.

Dear Kirkman and Co,

I just finished reading issue 137. I for one am glad that Carl finally got what i always wanted to happen to him. Being 13, I always wanted to be Carl, and now I feel really happy. With that being said, I have a question.

I hope it has nothing to do with sex...

Does the Hilltop Colony run on electricity also?

Whew...

Actually... the Hilltop runs on sex.

Being that Carson managed to save the bullies, it would have been really hard to keep them alive without any.

Also, it would be cool if Sophia found out about Carl and Lydia doing it, she goes onto a revenge killing spree and kills Lydia. That would be a good story arc. Well thats all for now, take care everyone.

I don't want to judge your fantasies, but not all women engage in catfights over the affections of a man.

P.S. - Is it weird if i get turned on by the whole licking the eye socket thing?

As long as you don't turn this into some quest to fulfill it to the detriment of all your other relationships in life... cool. Or just let it be a unicorn?

Stan Mathers
from Chicago, Illinois

I'm going to ignore the last part of this letter.

Dear Robert Kirkman,

For the love of god, please make an action figure for the comic book version of Tyreese. I will literally throw money at you! I don't know if you will read this but i swear, the need for this figure is almost enough for me to get someone to chop my head off with a katana. Cheers!

Jonathan Harrison
Philadelphia, PA

We'll get to him eventually, but did you see the new series of

McFarlane comic figures announced last month? A New Beginning Jesus, badass Carl, Abraham, and a thing called Pin Cushion Zombie, which has just about every weapon used to kill a walker sticking into it. Pretty cool.

Greetings,

What a dirty little eye-hole licker the new girl has turned out to be. I wonder if Carl will return the gesture if Sophia claws Lydia's eyes out.

Sincerely,
Jordanna
Lexington, KY

Jeez, not you, too, Jordanna!

And from Lexington?! Oh, man... not Lexington.

Robert Kirkman,

I started reading the comics back in 2009. I was a teen and struggling with me being gay, I was too afraid to let anyone know. And at the time I got to reading the part of the comics that introduced Aaron. I never was able to relate to a gay character before as much as I related to Aaron. It was the first time I found myself in a character completely, and that it was okay and normal to be gay. Reading Aaron and Eric's story made life easier for me. I'm talking about Aaron now of course because he was introduced in the TV show just recently, and I couldn't be any more happier. Ross Marquand is perfect for Aaron, and I'm so excited that millions of people get to experience just how amazing and kind Aaron is. I have a question about comic Aaron. We haven't seen much of him since All Out War, and the past current issues have shown that Jesus and Alex have somewhat parted ways. My question is will we see more of Aaron soon and is he in a relationship with Jesus? Keep up the good work Robert and thank you.

- Hayden
Missouri

This letter is why all the people who got their feathers ruffled over Aaron's introduction on the show can go fuck themselves.

Anyway... thanks for writing, Hayden. It does appear that Aaron and Jesus are both single, but whether or not they end up together for any length of time remains to be seen. So stay tuned!

Dear Mr. Kirkman,

I'm not sure if this has been brought up in previous Letter Hacks or not. But, this just came up in a conversation I had with my friend the other day. We were both wondering if someone who was paralyzed (before or after the outbreak) had died and turned, would they be able to walk despite being a paraplegic before they reanimated. For example, when Rick ran over Martinez in the Comics and Lamson in the TV Show, he broke both of their backs, ultimately paralyzing them. If The Governor hadn't amputated Caesar's head, and Rick shoot Bob in the head, would they have been able to come back as a walker and the virus sort of gives them mobility back, or would they not be able to move at all still and just lay there? Thanks!

Sincerely,

Your friend Matt
St. Clair, MI

They would still be paralyzed. Zombies are just a nervous system operating a dead body. That nervous system couldn't improve and suddenly send signals to body parts it couldn't when the person was alive.

- 1.) Carl gets all the bitches. More bitches then Rosita has men.
- 2.) As soon as Lydia took off his glasses I started chanting "lick it. Lick it. Lick it." In my head.
- 3.) I literally yelled "YASSSS!!!" When she licked it.
- 4.) Carl losing his virginity is more satisfying than when Harry Potter finally got it in.

I'm a black, 28 year old, relatively attractive, single mother, dominatrix and TWD is my favorite everything.

Miss Princess Candy

She ordered me to print the letter. So I did.

You do good work, Sean.

We're back in two weeks, where you'll get more Michonne, and what's better than that? More of everyone else!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Woo! See you all then.

Jonathan Chan... take it away!

-Robert Kirkman

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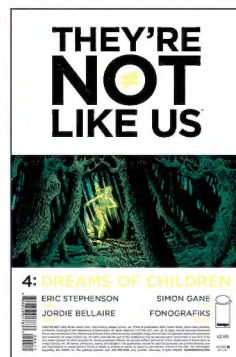
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